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SUBJECT: IRISH VIEWS ON SEEKING UNSC ACTION ON PIRACY IN
SOMALIA

REF: STATE 18101

Classified By: Pol/Econ Section Chief Ted Pierce;
Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

11. (C) POLOFF delivered reftel demarche on March 6, 2008 to Pat Kelly, Acting Director, Africa Division, Department of Foreign Affairs. Kelly stated that Ireland was thoroughly appalled by piracy in Somalia (and elsewhere), and would strongly support a UNSC resolution to address the problem. Kelly noted that while Ireland did not have naval assets to contribute to combat piracy in Somalia, it would be willing to consider coordinated humanitarian and development assistance to the Somali people that would help thwart such activities.

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